

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Taku TAKAHAMA et al.  
Title: VEHICLE EXTERNAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM  
AND RELATED METHOD  
Appl. No.: 10/826,271  
Appl. Filing Date: 4/19/2004  
Examiner: Luke D. Ratcliffe  
Art Unit: 3662  
Confirmation Number: 9395

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission **required** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[ ] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of 7 of 8 listed reference(s).
- ☒ JP Office Action and partial translation.

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims as Amended | Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate       | Fee Totals |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e):                                     |                   |                     |                      | \$790.00   | = \$790.00 |
| Total Claims:  | 11                | - 20                | = 0                  | x \$50.00  | = \$0.00   |
| Independents   | 4                 | - 5                 | = 0                  | x \$200.00 | = \$0.00   |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                   |                     |                      | + \$360.00 | = \$0.00   |
| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:                                    |                   |                     |                      |            | = \$790.00 |

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

|                          |   |            |   |          |
|--------------------------|---|------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the first month:      | \$120.00   | 0 | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the second month:     | \$450.00   |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the third month:      | \$1,020.00 |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the fourth month:     | \$1,590.00 |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:      | \$2,160.00 |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:                                   |            |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:                               | -          |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | EXTENSION FEE TOTAL                                       |            |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:                           |            |   | \$790.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):            |            |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) |            |   | \$0.00   |
|                          | TOTAL FEE:  |            |   | \$790.00 |

The above-identified fees of \$790.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 12/22/06

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